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COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

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Dear Commissioner:

This paper is in response to the Non-Final Office Action dated April 9, 2007. The shortened statutory period for response expired on July 9, 2007. A Petition for a Three-Month Extension, extending the deadline to reply to October 9, 2007 is hereby made.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the **Listing of Claims** that begins on page 3 of this paper.

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